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PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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HANDING OVER OIL WELLS BACK TO FAMILIES AFTER EXTRACTING OIL AND GAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation has handed over oil wells back to the such families from whom such wells had been acquired, after extracting oil and gas therefrom;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not apply in view of (a) above.

(c) & (d) ONGC acquires land for its exploration activities as per the procedures laid down in the Land Acquisition Act. In case, there is no discovery, the site is surrendered back to the land owner. On exploration, if it is found that the area bears oil & gas, the site is acquired on permanent basis by compensating the land owner as per the rates fixed by the respective State Governments.